



DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CERAMIC DISC DIVERter VALVE, the specification of which:

_____ is attached hereto.

X was filed on July 25, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/627,062.

_____ was filed on _____ as PCT International Application No. _____.

_____ was amended on _____.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

(Number)

(Country)

(Month/day/year filed)

I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

10/039,443

October 29, 2001

Pending

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

60/244,245

October 30, 2000

Pending

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

60/259,948

January 5, 2001

Pending

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Pursuant to Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 3.73(b), Access Business Group International LLC states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CERAMIC DISC DIVERTER VALVE, the specification of which:

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Access Business Group International LLC is the assignee by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of the above-identified patent application.

x A copy of the assignment is attached.

_____ The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____
Frame _____.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

1/21/04
Date


Signature

Kim S. Mitchell

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